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REPLY TO ACTION OF JANUARY 7, 2005

In reply to the Final Office Action of January 7, 2005, applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-20, and 22-106 are pending, with claims 1, 22, 28, 40, 45, 50, 94 and 95 being independent. Claims 28-54 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 105 and 106 were rejected under the judicially-created double patenting doctrine over Ramarge (U.S. Patent No. 6,483,685) in view of Kester (U.S. Patent No. 6,008,975).

The applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims in view of the terminal disclaimer being filed with this Reply.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Kester / Suzuki Rejection

Claims 95-96 and 103-104 were rejected as allegedly being obvious over Kester in view of Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 3,913,127). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 95 is directed to an electrical apparatus that includes a bonded disk stack having a rating of at least 6 kV in which adjacent MOV disks have face-to-face bonds with each other. A reinforcing structure that includes a resin composition system of discontinuous